The psychology major will combine the knowledge, skills and values of psychology with a liberal arts foundation. Students will develop a knowledge base consisting of concepts, theory, empirical findings, and trends within psychology; use critical thinking and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes; apply psychological principles to personal and social issues; and be able to understand the gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, culture, and class issues in psychological theory, research, and practice. Students will also develop information and computer competence, communication skills, and develop realistic ideas about how to implement their psychology education in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings. The major may lead to either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. The B.A. degree incorporates a broad exposure to many facets of the field of psychology, in addition to the B.A. requirements. Students may also prepare for graduate school; research experience with faculty members is encouraged for such students.

Psi Chi Chapter: Psi Chi is the international Honor Society in Psychology. Its mission is to promote excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Membership in the Penn State New Kensington chapter is open to students enrolled in the Psychology degree, who have completed at least 3 semesters of college courses and 9 semester hours in the top rank 35% of their class.

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